

# **Suriname dignitaries visit Camp Rapid**

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RAPID CITY, S.D. - Maj. Gen. Tim Reisch (left), adjutant general of the South Dakota National Guard and Mr. Lamure Latour, Suriname Minister of Defense, discuss the South Dakota-Suriname State Partnership Program at Camp Rapid Wednesday, June 15, 2011. The South Dakota National Guard hosted dignitaries from the Republic of Suriname for a week in June. Dignitaries were shown various military training associated with the annual Golden Coyote training exercise,

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RAPID CITY, S.D. - Maj. Gen. Tim Reisch (left), adjutant general of the South Dakota National Guard, accepts a Suriname flag from Mr. Lamure Latour (center), Suriname Minister of Defense, and Mr. John Nay (right), U.S. Ambassador to Suriname at Camp Rapid Wednesday, June 15, 2011. The South Dakota National Guard hosted dignitaries from the Republic of Suriname for a week in June. Dignitaries were shown various military training associated with the annual Golden Coyote training exercise, which brought 2,100 National Guard Soldiers and Airmen from across the U.S. to the Black Hills for the two-week training event. They were also shown ongoing missions by South Dakota's Soldiers and Airmen



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RAPID CITY, S.D. - Maj. Gen. Tim Reisch (left), adjutant general of the South Dakota National Guard, presents Mr. Lamure Latour, Suriname Minister of Defense, with a coin, as a token of appreciation, at Camp Rapid, Wednesday, June 15, 2011. The South Dakota National Guard hosted dignitaries from the Republic of Suriname for a week in June. Dignitaries were shown various military training associated with the annual Golden Coyote training exercise, which brought 2,100 National Guard Soldiers and Airmen from across the U.S. to the Black Hills for the two-week training event. They were also shown ongoing missions by South Dakota's Soldiers and Airmen conducting flood relief related missions in the state's capitol, Pierre. The South Dakota-Suriname State Partnership Program was formally established in August 2006 to develop mutually beneficial partnerships

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RAPID CITY, S.D. - (Left to right) South Dakota National Guard's Maj. Shelby Dreyer, intelligence operations specialist, briefs Mr. John Nay, U.S. Ambassador to Suriname, Mr. Lamure Latour, Suriname Minister of Defense, Cdr. Hiram Johnson, Military Liaison Officer at the U.S. Embassy, Lt. Col. Johnny Antonius, Suriname Strategic Planning and Education and Col. Hedwig Gilaard, Suriname Chief of Armed Forces, on the South Dakota National Guard's Joint Operations

Center at Camp Rapid on Wednesday, June 15, 2011. The South Dakota National Guard hosted dignitaries from the Republic of Suriname for a week in June. Dignitaries were shown various military training associated with the annual Golden Coyote training exercise, which brought 2,100 National Guard Soldiers and Airmen from across the U.S. to the Black Hills for the two-week training event. They were also shown ongoing missions by South Dakota's Soldiers and Airmen conducting flood relief related missions in the state's capitol, Pierre. The South Dakota-Suriname State Partnership Program was formally established in August 2006 to develop mutually beneficial partnerships between the two entities. (SDNG photo by OC Chad Carlson)



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